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| **Northwest Guilford Middle**  **“Home of the Vikings**”  **Denise Fransisco**  ***Principal***  **Ben Davis**  *Assistant Principal*  **CeCe Matson**  *Assistant Principal*    ***MISSION STATEMENT-* Northwest Middle School is committed to the engagement of students in active, relevant, and meaningful learning opportunities that strengthen character, foster respectful citizenship, and encourage lifelong learning.**  Related image  Parent Previews - The Family Guide to Entertainment  **A close-up of a logo  Description automatically generated**  **A close-up of a child  Description automatically generated**  **GCS Reproductive Health Classes (page 108)**      **(336) 605-3333**  **Preview Meeting Tuesday,**  **November 26, 2024.**  **Please call if you are unable to attend or have questions.**  **sbor, NC 27455 PHONE:336-605-3342 FAX: 336-643** |  | November 14, 2024  Dear Parent or Guardian:  Autumn always comes with the opportunity to reflect on the earlier parts of the year and give thanks for all of the great things and great people in our lives. Thanksgiving provides the perfect time to let those closest to  You know just how much they are appreciated. Among all the wonderful things in this world, I'm grateful to be a part of such a wonderful, supportive, and loving **Viking Family!**  My name is Cathy Hailey, and I am the Reproductive Health and Safety Education Teacher/Family Life Instructor here at Northwest Guilford Middle School. I have been the Reproductive Health and Safety Education teacher here since 1995. **I am super excited to welcome you to the Annual Reproductive Health and Safety Education Curriculum Parent Preview Meeting.**  **I am a two-time recipient of North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Sport Management (NCAAHPERD-SM) and Guilford County Schools *"Middle School Health Educator of the Year*** **Award"**. Being selected as an NCAAHPERD-SM “Middle School Teacher of the Year (TOY)” is one of the highest honors within the profession. Winning at the state level allowed me to be eligible to compete for the SHAPE Southern District TOY and receive National TOY recognition.  I am so excited to be returning to Northwest. It is hard to believe that we have already entered the second grading period!  Reproductive Health and Safety Education / Family Life is a standard portion of North Carolina’s Health Education Curriculum. Your child will be taking **Reproductive Health and Safety Education/Family Life Classes on** **or around Monday, December 2, 2024, following the Thanksgiving Break.** Guilford County School’s Reproductive Health and Safety Education curriculum lessons reflect North Carolina’s Essential Standards Goals and Objectives. The grades 6-8 lessons adhere to North Carolina’s Healthy Youth Act and focus on the philosophy of ***Abstinence until Marriage*** and that parents are the primary sexuality educators of their children.  Having at home support and open lines of communication is an essential part of a successful school year for all students. Together, we make a difference! All homework assignments for seventh and eighth grade students require parent signatures to reinforce the open lines of communication. *This requirement provides opportunities for parent and student interaction.*  I love nurturing each student’s thirst for learning. I feel lucky to have a job that I am passionate about.  Health Education is required for all students in North Carolina Public Schools. Reproductive Health and Safety Education is a standard portion of the required health. Health and Physical Education should be divided equally throughout the academic school year. All students will receive lessons within the Reproductive Health and Safety Education / Family Life Curriculum as a standard portion of North Carolina’s Health curriculum. **Please visit North Carolina Department of Public Instructions, Healthful Living Section Grades 6-8 Essential Standards website at:** [**www.dpi.nc.gov**](http://www.dpi.nc.gov/)to viewthe uniform set of learning standards included in the curriculum for public schools in North Carolina.  Reproductive Health and Safety Education is seen as a partnership among parents/guardians, school, and the community. The curriculum shall encourage the involvement and acceptance of each.  The role of the school is to supplement and assist in the education of the child encouraging learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community. Students are encouraged to discuss information received in the classroom with parents or guardians at home.  **In preparation for student instruction, a Parent Preview Meeting will be held Tuesday,**  **November 26, 2024,** in **the school’s Media Center.** The parent preview meeting is intended to provide an overview of the required Common Core Essential Standard Goals and Objectives of the N.C. Standard Course of Study. The session will be for parents of all students in grades sixth through eighth. **The Parent Preview Curriculum Meeting is not required but is encouraged.**  **NOTE: If you plan to attend the curriculum preview, please be sure to check- in the school’s Main Office first.**  **AM SESSION GRADE 6 ONLY: There will be a morning session for Grade 6 parents ONLY to attend. Grade 6 parents can quickly visit between the hours of 9:00 – 11:00 am. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00, but you can attend at a time that is convenient to you until 11:00 am.**  **PM SESSION: Parents of students in grades 7-8 can quickly visit to preview the curriculum between the hours of 1:00– 4:00 pm. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 pm, but you are welcome to attend at a time that is convenient to you until 4:00 pm.**  **\*\*Grade 6 parents who missed the AM session may also attend the PM session between the hours of (1:00 – 4:00 pm). Please attend during a convenient time.**  **6th Grade – ONLY 3-4 Days of instruction include:** Communication Do’s and Don’ts, Conflict Resolution, Good Decision Making, Passive, Aggressive and Assertive Behavior emphasizing the importance of being “Assertive” to resist peer pressure, Active listening Skills, using “I” statements when communicating, and Friendship Qualities.  **Grades 7th – 8th** includes 8 – 10 days of instruction based on the A-Day /B-Day schedule.  Reproductive Health and Safety Education / Family Life Lessons are taught through Health/P.E. classes. Students will rotate into the Reproductive Health and Safety Education class (as a standard portion of N.C. required Health) throughout the academic school year based on rotation dates.  Teaching about puberty makes me have elevated expectations for each student. Over the years, I have become very aware of the impact teachers can have on the lives of their students. I support parents in helping their students to make good decisions and stand by their decisions. Effective parent communication is a vital factor in a child’s education.  As we prepare to return to school following the Thanksgiving break, we need to be mindful of the current flu season in addition to the fact that Covid 19 remains an ongoing public health threat. The new variant of COVID-19, known as FLiRT, is now the most dominant strain in the U.S. If you attend the parent preview meeting, you may choose to mask at any time.  All students will participate in the Standard Reproductive Health and Safety Education/ Family Life Classes unless a letter written from the parent or guardian stating otherwise is submitted to the Health/PE teacher by ***Monday, December 2,2024.***  I appreciate any comments you have about the Reproductive Health and Safety Education/ Family Life Education materials. Thank you for your support in this especially important learning experience for your student. If you are unable to attend the Parent Preview, have questions or need additional information, please contact me at **336-605—3333or email –** [haileyc@gcsnc.com](mailto:haileyc@gcsnc.com)**.**  **Visit my Northwest Staff Webpage at:** [**https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/73957**](https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/73957)  If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me **at 336-605-3333.**  Sincerely,  Mrs. Cathy Hailey  **Former *North Carolina* (NCAAHPERD-SM) *and***  ***Guilford County Schools Health Educator of the Year***  **NORTHWEST GUILFORD MIDDLE - 5300 Northwest School Road-Greensboro, NC 27409**  **Phone**: 336.605.3333 **Fax**: 336.605.3325 |
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